# HIV/AIDS and the future of the poor, illiterate and marginalized populations

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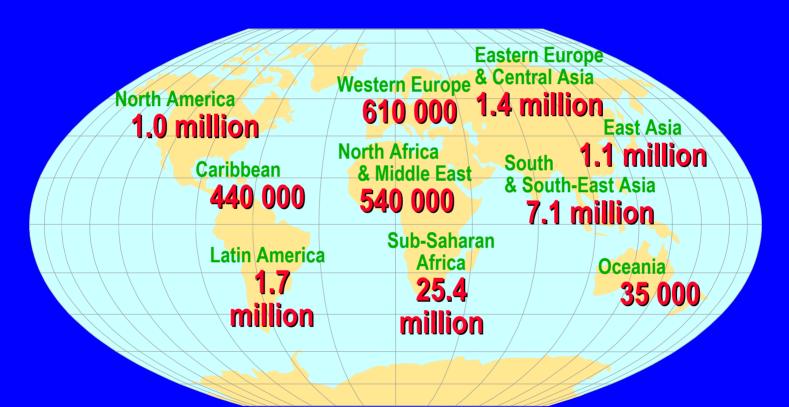
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#### HIV/AIDS: a devastating modern pandemic



### Adults and children estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS as of end 2004



Total: 39.4(35.9-44.3) million

SOURCE: UNAIDS 2004

### Estimated number of adults and children newly infected with HIV during 2004



Total: 4.9(4.3-6.4) million SOURCE: UNAIDS 2004

## Estimated adult and child deaths from HIV/AIDS during 2004

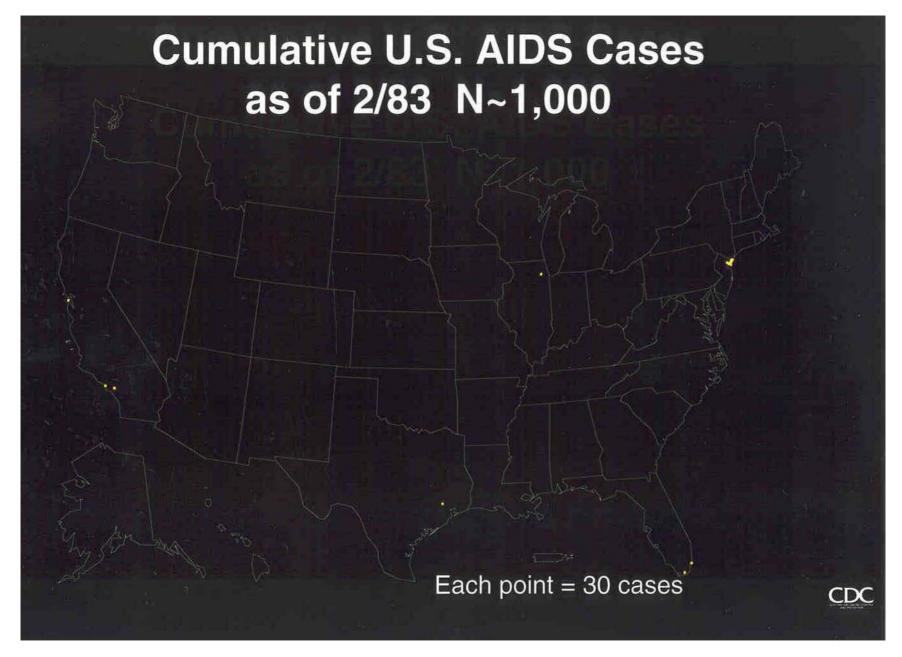


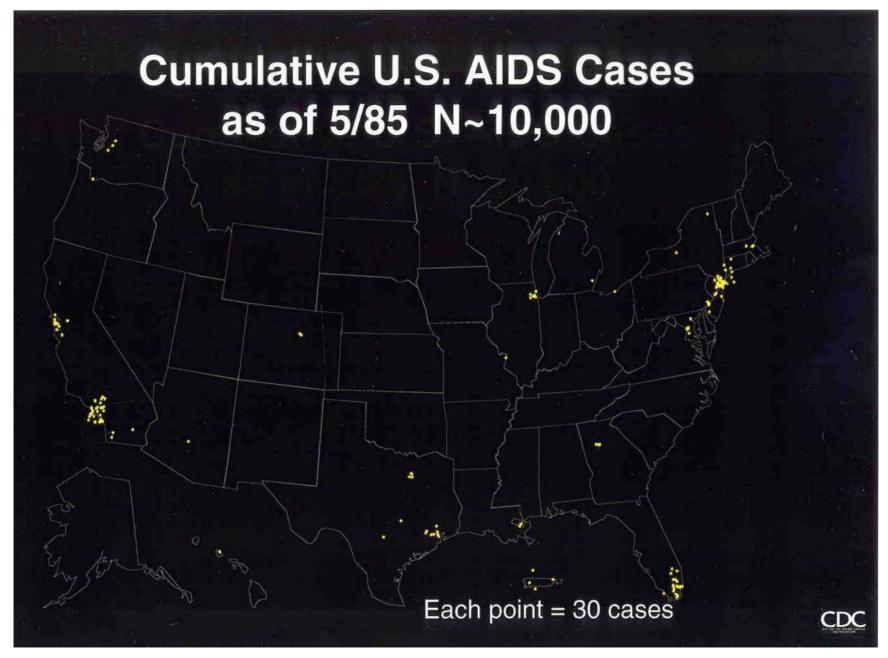
Total: 3.1(2.8-3.5) million

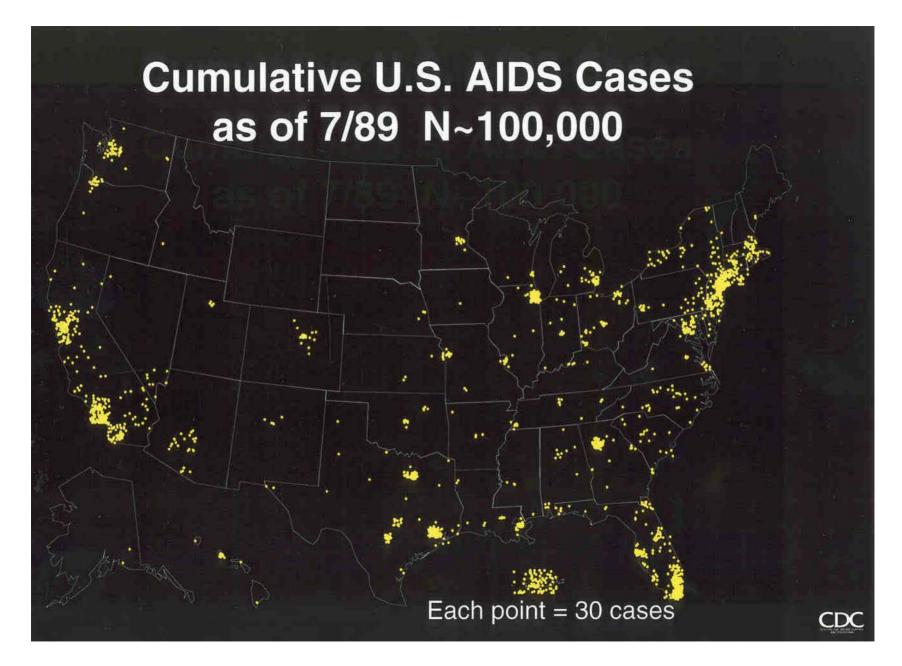
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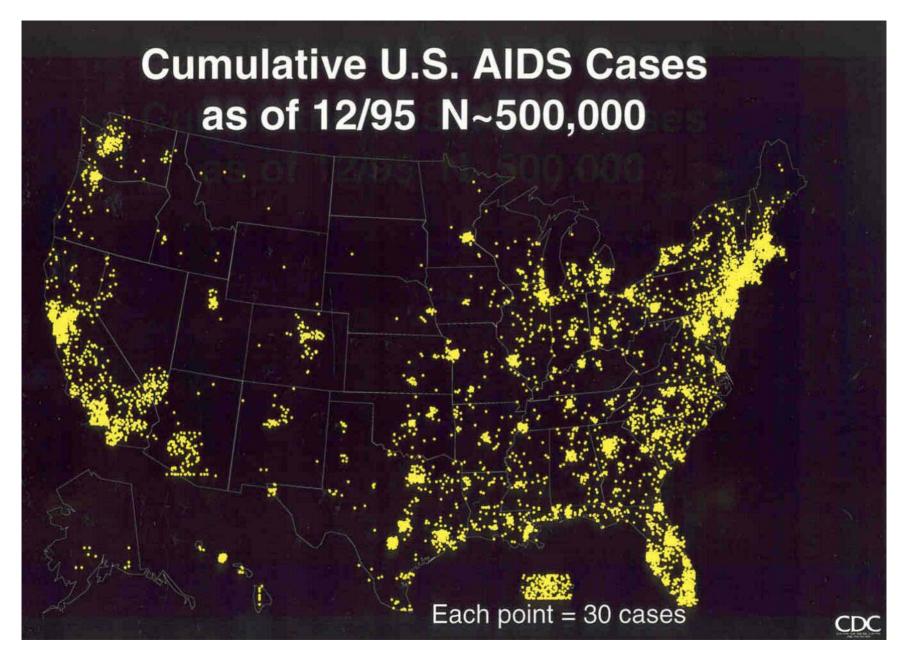
### HIV SPREADS FAST

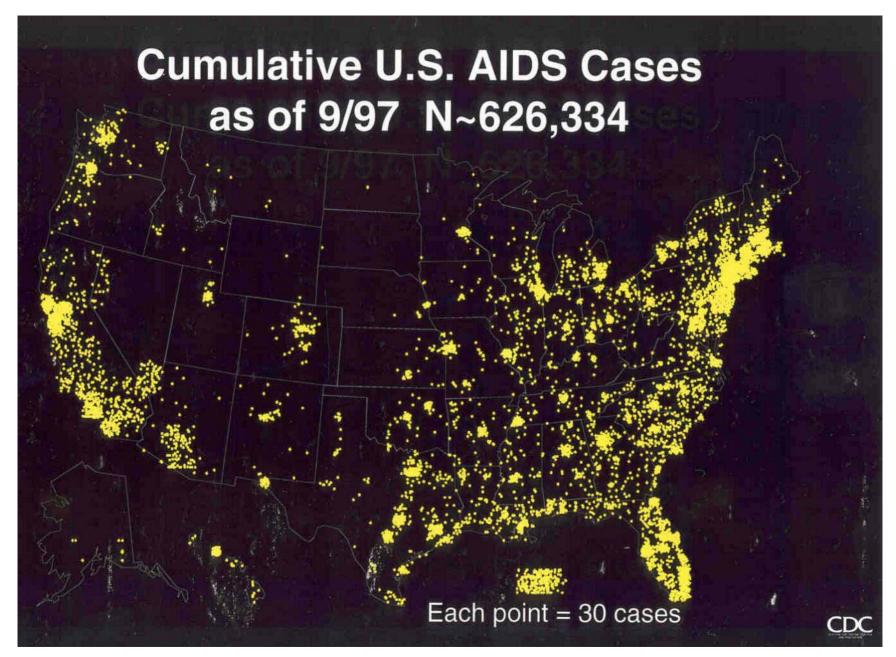
(Best surveillance: USA)







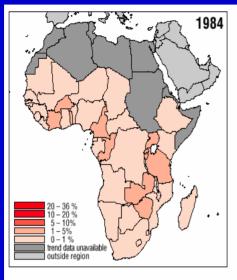


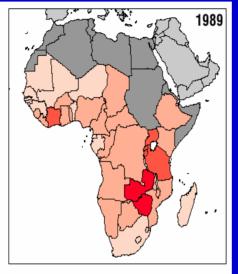


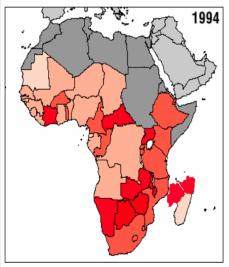
# HIV persists wherever people live 1990 POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE UNITED STATES One dot = 7500 people

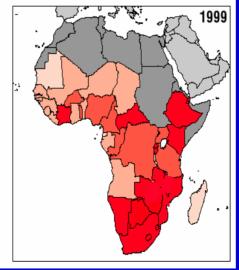
Prepared by Geography Division, U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration Bureau of the Census

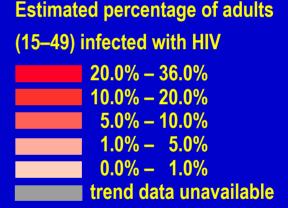
### Fast Spread of HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1984 to 1999









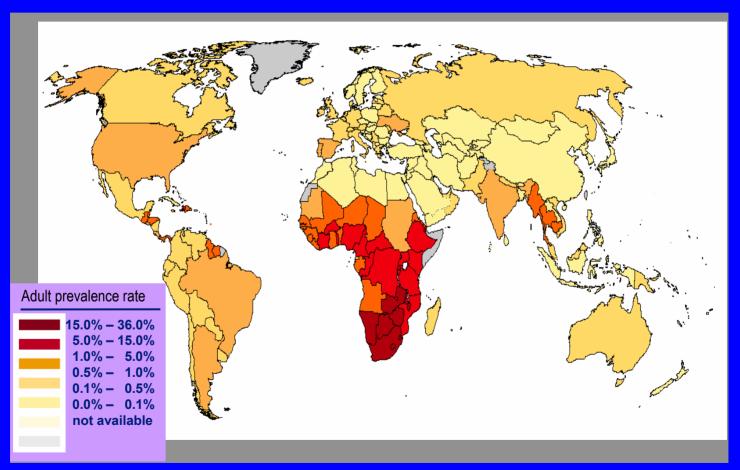


**SOURCE: UNAIDS 2000** 

outside region

#### A global view of HIV infection

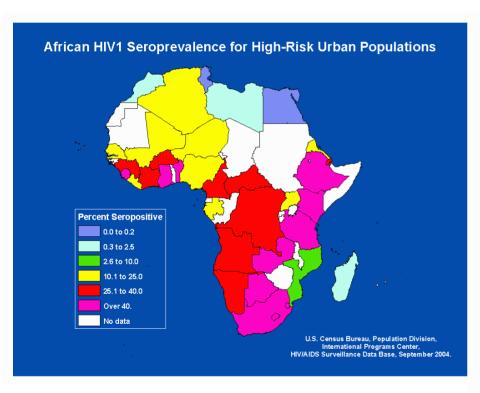
40 million people living with HIV/AIDS and about 30 million have died as of end 2004

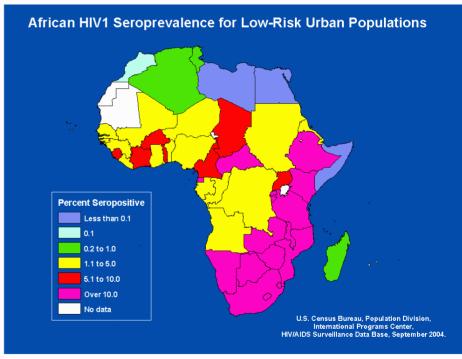


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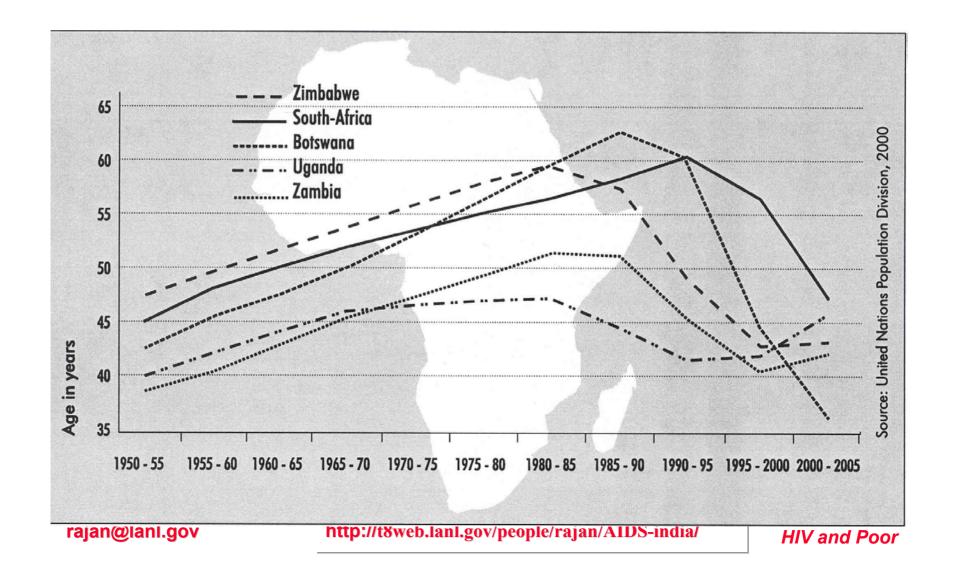
### **CONSEQENCES**

## Africa: 1980-2004 a runaway pandemic





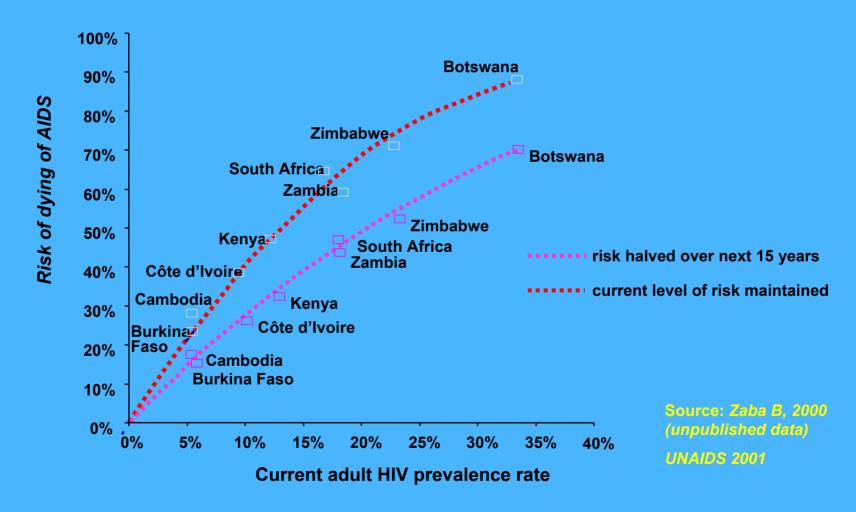
#### DECREASING LIFE EXPECTANCY; KILLING THE MOST PRODUCTIVE



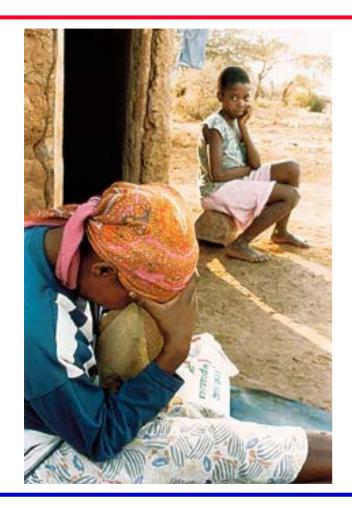
### MOST PRODUCTIVE SECTOR (YOUNG ADULTS) LOST



## Lifetime risk of AIDS death for 15-year-old boys, assuming unchanged or halved risk of becoming infected with HIV, selected countries

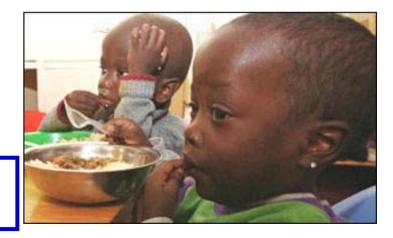


#### 15 MILLION AIDS ORPHANS (2003)





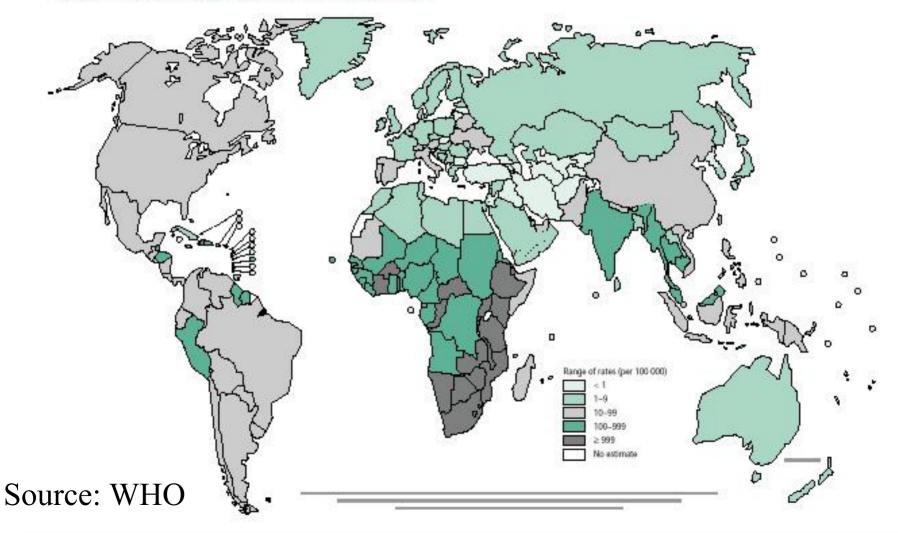
Source: James Nachtwey



What is their future?

### TB and HIV Co-infection

#### 2. Estimated TB/HIV co-infection rates, 1997



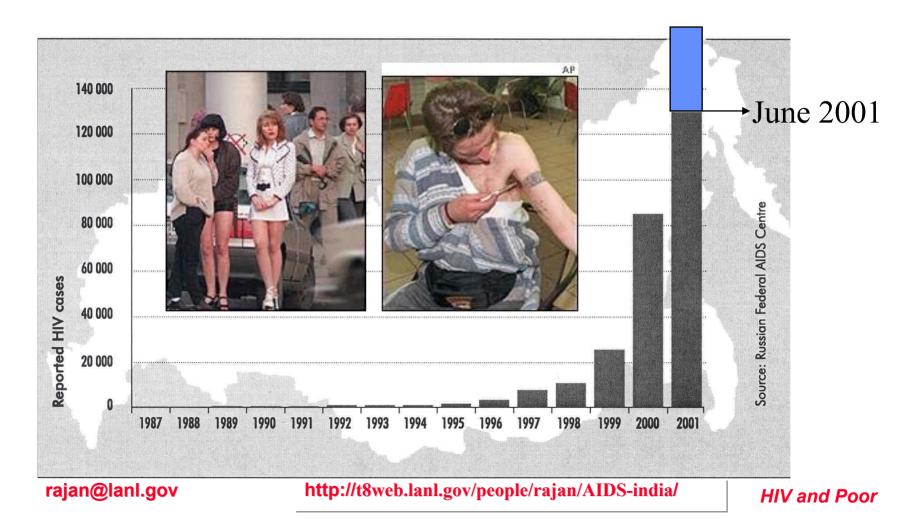
### FUTURE

### The 2002 NSC/CIA report lists 5 important countries in the next wave

- Nigeria
- Ethiopia
- India
- China
- Russia

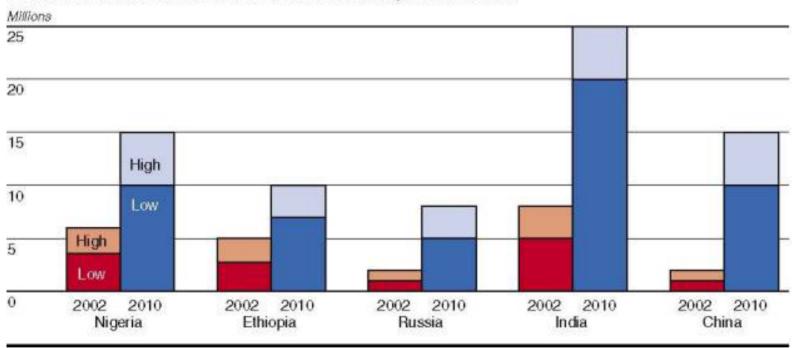
### RUSSIA: at this rate of growth, 10% of all Russians aged 15-49 will be HIV+ by 2010

NIC report



### **PROJECTIONS**

Figure 1
High and Low Estimates of Current and Future
HIV/AIDS-Infected Adults in Next-Wave Countries, 2002 and 2010



Source: NSC/CIA report 2002

If we know everything about how HIV/AIDS spreads and spread is preventable, then why is HIV spreading?

### $HIV/AIDS \leftrightarrow P, I, M?$

- Poor
  - -Survival dominates day to day existence
- Illiterate
  - Hard to teach and motivate behavior change
- Marginalized
  - -Sex Workers
  - -Men having sex with men
  - -IV drug users

Risky behavior stays underground

### Rich versus Poor

- Health care
  - Testing and counseling
  - Treatment and care
  - Anti-retroviral therapy
- Education
  - Prevention:
    - **Behavior change**
    - ⊗ protection (condoms√, vaccine\*)
- Livelihood (freedom to make safe choices)

#### Two extreme worlds



Life is not the same or perfect with ART

1999



One has access to the best, the other has little

1995





No ART

Source: James Nachtwey rajan@lanl.gov

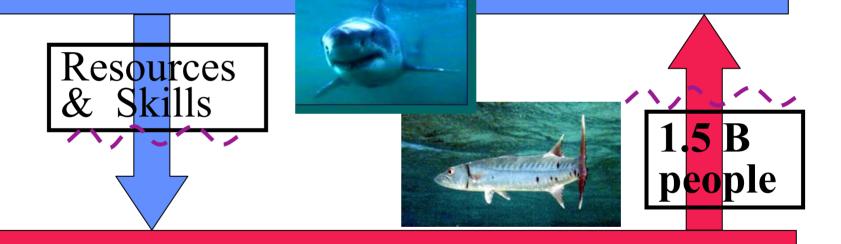
http://t8web.lanl.gov/people/rajan/AIDS-india/

# The continued spread of HIV/AIDS is an indicator of a much larger problem

# THE VERY FUTURE OF THE POOR, THE ILLITERATE, AND THE MARGINALIZED

### Challenge: people living under \$2/day





### 3 billion in 18<sup>th</sup> century

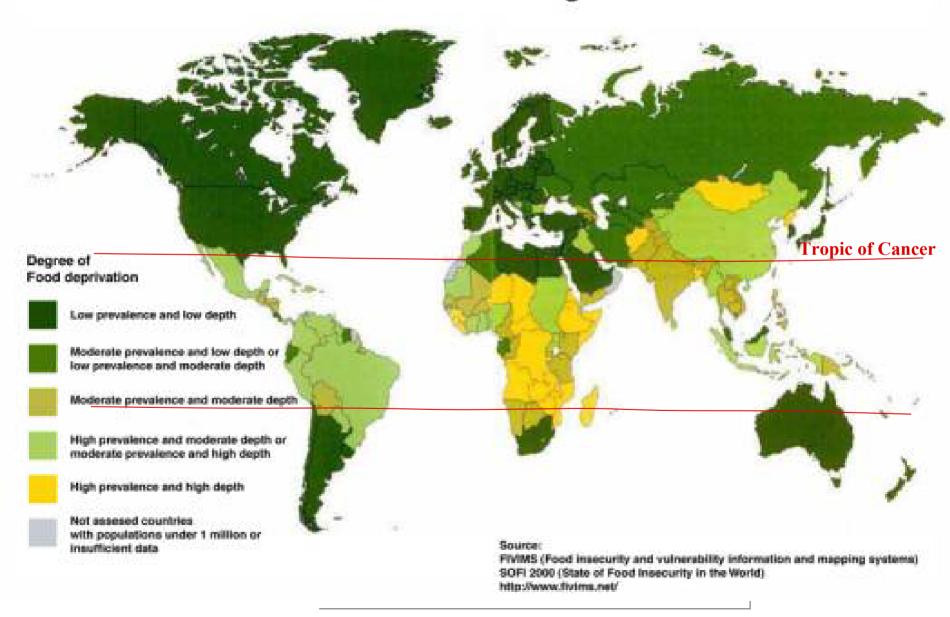
(population growth is happening here)

## Sharks and Barracudas come in many guises

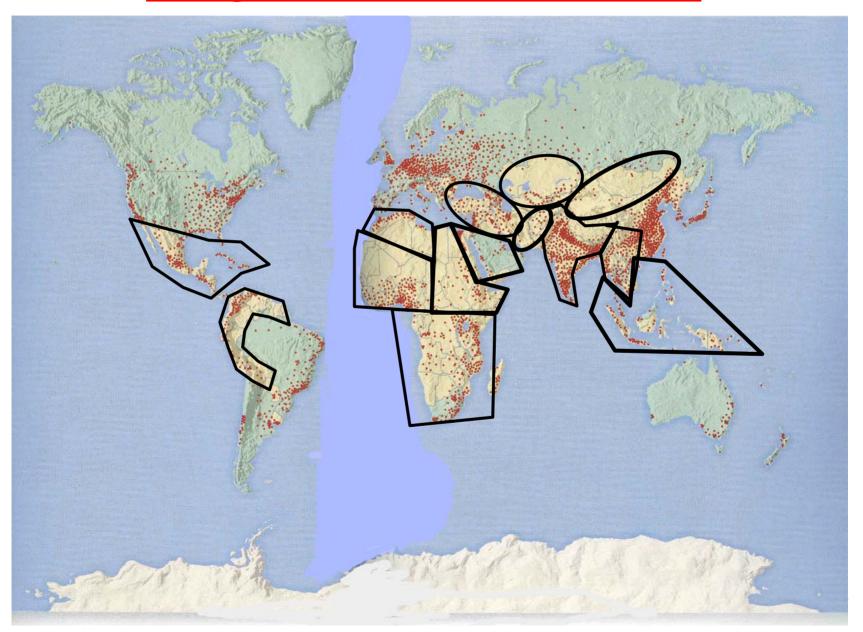
- Despotic, corrupt governments
- National and transnational criminals
- Fanatics and terrorists
- Exploitative multinationals

### Most nation states lying within the tropics are in trouble

#### **World Hunger**



### Regions Of Concern



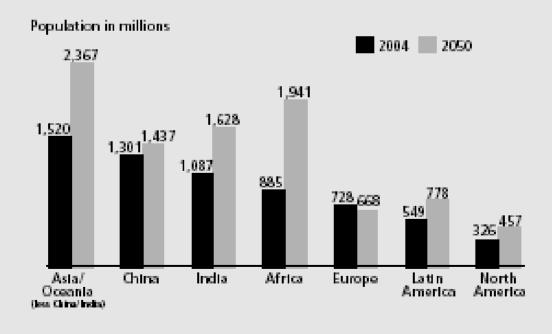
# COMMON THREATS TO DEVELOPMENT

### Six key enablers

- Population growth mostly in poor populations
- Energy will clean, cheap, copious supply of energy be available as conventional oil and gas production peaks? Global climate change?
- Water without adequate water/food (and energy) will the poor get sufficient nourishment?
- Soil With overuse, growing fertilizer/energy prices, less water, can the poor grow enough food?
- Health care will the poor get even the basics?
- Education will there be quality education for all?

### All World Regions Except Europe Will Continue to Grow.

eveloping countries in Africa and Asia will account for about 90 percent of the increase in world population projected by 2050, while the populations of most developed countries will decrease. Among the developed countries, only the United States is likely to see significant growth, a result of immigration and a birth rate higher than other developed nations.



PRB 2004

### Population growth is in the poor and low education sectors

2004				2050			
Rank	Country	Population (millions)		Rank	Country	Population (millions)	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	China India United States Indonesia Brazil Pakistan Russia Bangladesh Nigeria Japan	1,300 1,087 294 219 179 159 144 141 137		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	India China United States Indonesia Nigeria Pakistan Bangladesh Brazil Congo, Dem. Rep. o Ethiopia	1,628 1,437 420 308 307 295 280 221 f 181 173	

World Population 2050: 9.3 billion (Population Reference Bureau)

# Of the 3 billion living on less than \$2 (PPP) per day, about a billion are children below age 15 who

- live amidst violence and poverty
- have little or no family supervision
- are not part of the knowledge society
- will not have access to higher education
- lack distinction between right and wrong
- are vulnerable to diseases and poor health

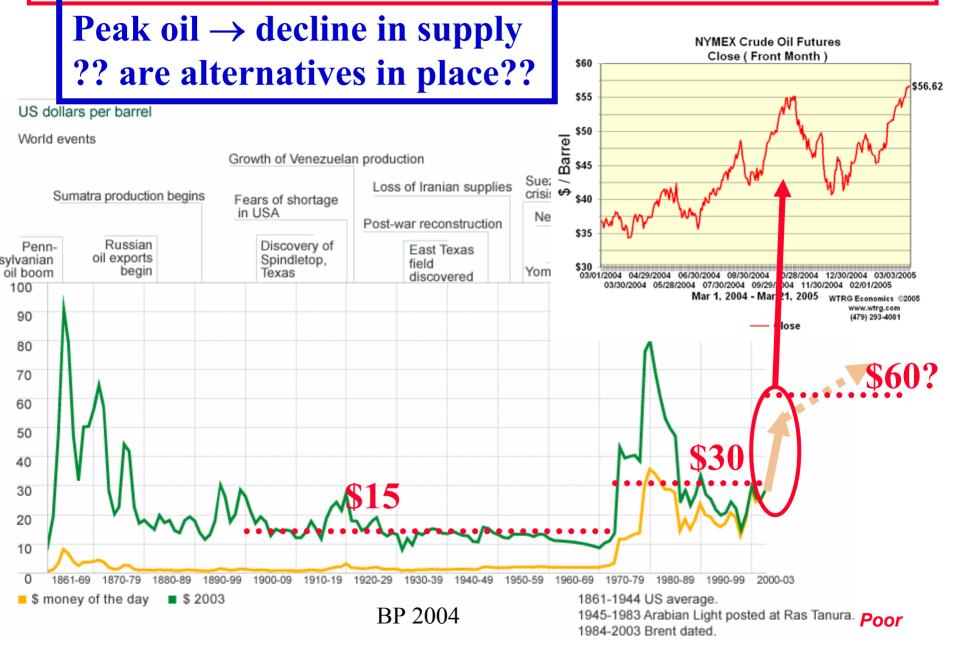
### Who will provide them hope and what will keep them from becoming destructive?

### Vulnerable population under 15

Region	Population	Population under 15 (million)		Vulnerable Pop. under 15 (million)	
	(Millions)				
Africa	861	362	(42%)	~290 (80%)	
Cent. America	144	50	(35%)	~25 (50%)	
South America	358	111	(31%)	~50 (45%)	
West Asia	204	73	(36%)	~40 (55%)	
S&C Asia	1563	580	(37%)	~350 (60%)	
South East Asia	544	180	(31%)	~90 (50%)	
East Asia	1519	334	(22%)	~110 (33%)	
East Europe	301	54	(18%)	~11 (20%)	

Source: Population data are from Population Reference Bureau 2003 <a href="mailto:rajan@lanl.gov/people/rajan/AIDS-india/">http://t8web.lanl.gov/people/rajan/AIDS-india/</a>

ENERGY: Need cheap, clean, copious supply!





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China -,-,3

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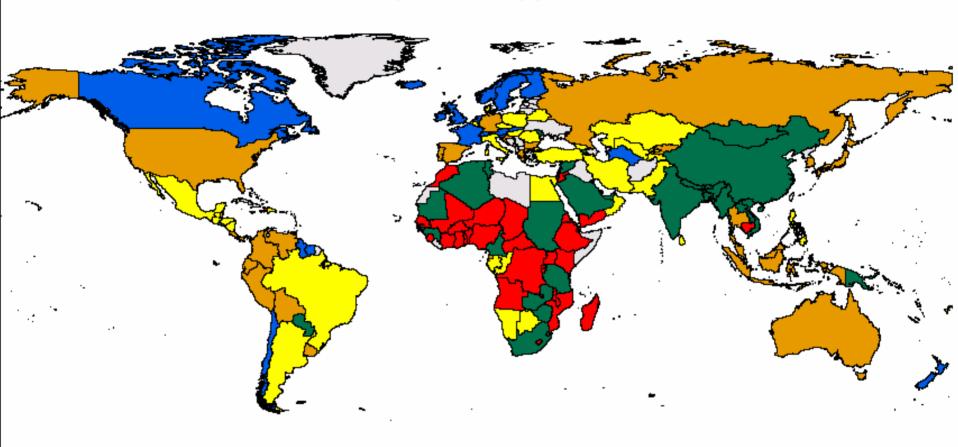
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No Coal

#### Water Poverty Index (WPI)



The information illustrated here represents results of work in progress and must not be taken as definitive



#### Water Poverty (The lower the score the bigger the problem)





High (WPI 48-55.9)



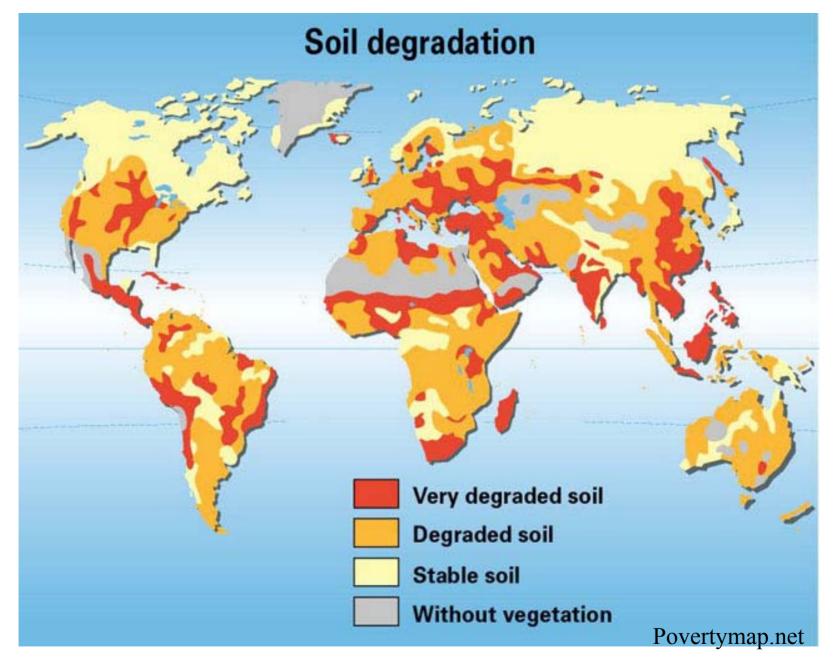
Medium (WPI 56-61.9)



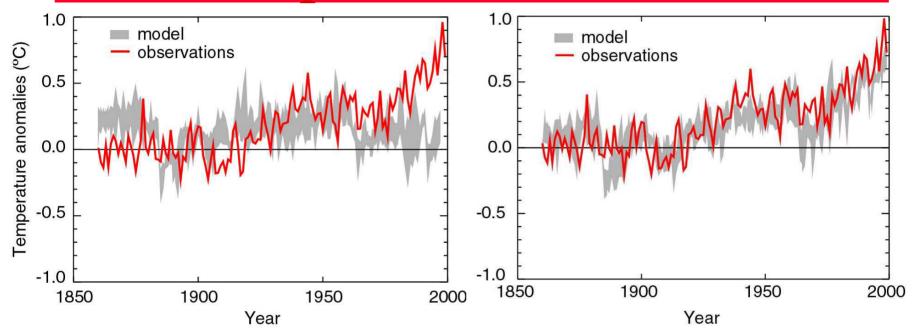
Medium Low (WPI 62-67.9)



Low (WPI 68-78)



### Climate change will impact the poor the most



"Simulations of the response to natural forcings alone ... do not explain the warming in the second half of the century"

Stott et al, Science 2000

"..model estimates that take into account both greenhouse gases and sulphate aerosols are consistent with observations over this\*period" - IPCC 2001

#### Health and Education

- Don't have enough doctors, nurses, or trained paramedics
- Don't have enough good teachers. Teaching is becoming less and less rewarding
- Good teachers and doctors can migrate wherever they want. Who will serve rural communities?
- Good health care and schools are fast reaching international costs

Poor remain vulnerable to HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria, Hepatitis, ...

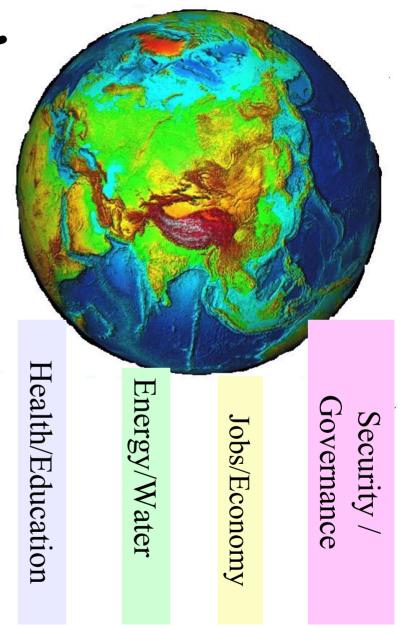
# In the absence of healthy leisure time activities people gravitate towards

- Shallow television
- Alcohol and drugs
- Gambling
- Risky sex HIV/AIDS

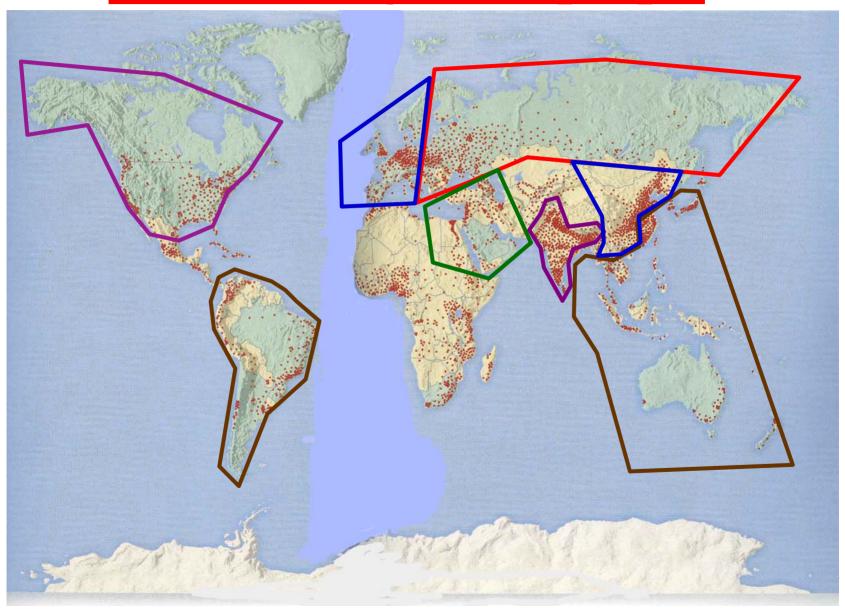
Need education and meaningful jobs

### THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

Help erect
the four
pillars of
society



### (BAU) Economic Zones of 300-400M "global" people



The more we ignore the needs of the poor and marginalized, the more we empower the despots, the sharks and the barracudas!

### SUGGESTIONS

### Reproductive Health

Every man and women should have easy and free access to modern family planning and disease prevention methods (pill, condom, vaccines, ...)

### Empowerment begins with the right and freedom to choose

### Confront criminal organization and rogue economies

- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Drugs
- Weapons
- Money laundering
- Corporate/government corruption
- Illegal trade in resources

#### Deploy enabling Technologies

- Medicines and vaccines
- Cheap, clean, copious sources of globally deployable energy.
   (Conserve fossil fuels)
- Enhancing potable water resources and quality of water

Provide each person with a full complement of childhood immunizations, health care, adequate daily food, and good education

#### What will it take?

- \$100-200 per year for poor-extremely poor person (< \$2-1/day) for 20 years(1 generation)
- Caring and intelligent development specialists working on the ground to provide skills, health care and education
- Investment in basic infrastructure transportation and communication (roads, ...) energy, water, sanitation, law and order

Collective action, Cooperation, trust, and belief in shared fate

#### We can afford \$200Billion/year = 0.7% of GDP of rich countries!

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Reproductive health
                                                                       (15B)
         Birth control pills for women – at $5 per year for 1B women
         (remaining 0.5 billion fertile women can afford to buy them)
         Condoms for all risky sex ((1B*0.5)*10c*(365*0.5) = 10B)
     Infrastructure for 2 Billion
II.
                                                                       ($134B)
                                                            ($40B)
         Energy: 5c per day per person
         Water and Sanitation: 3c per day per person
                                                            ($24B)
         Medicines and basic health care: $10/person/year
                                                            ($20B)
                                                            ($50B)
         Roads, transport, communications, ......
     Education, nutrition, vaccinations (50/100M children born/year) ($52B)
         Education: 20c per day per child for 12 years
                                                            ($40B)
         Nutrition: 5c per day per child for 12 years
                                                            ($10B)
         Immunizations: $30 per child
                                                            ($1.5B)
     Confronting rogue economies
         Social activism
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HIV and Poor

## GOOD NEWS: Individuals can change the world

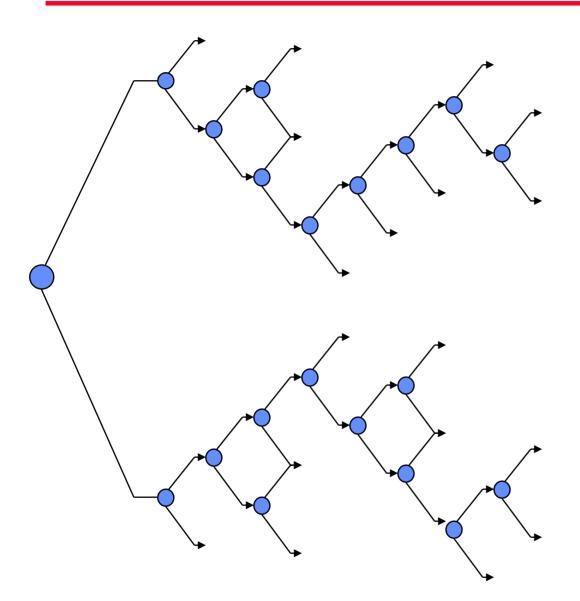
Jody Williams helped create a coalition, starting in 1992, of individuals, community organizations, non-government organizations, international agencies, governments to eliminate landmines.

In 1997 the Mine Ban Treaty was adopted.

In 1997 the International Campaign to ban Landmines (ICBL) and Jody Williams won the Nobel Peace prize

Jody started the movement using FAX and e-mail!!!

#### WE CAN PERVADE & PREVAIL



### Create a movement

IF EVERYONE
WHO GETS
THE MESSAGE
SPREADS IT TO
TWO NEW
PEOPLE, WE
CAN REACH
ALL PEOPLE
IN 33 STEPS